

WT Docket No. 01-289, FCC 13-2

I oppose the FCC making the use of 121.5MHz emergency transmitters illegal. It would negatively impact aviation safety because it would discourage, via the financial mandate, deployment and use of new and useful technologies. For example, portable two way emergency locators have obviated the need for replacement of the 121.5 MHz ELTs. It is estimated the requiring thousands of dollar personal investment to transition each and every airplane to the 405MHz system will cost aircraft owners about \$500M.

I believe the questions the commission has to address are:

1. How many people's lives have been saved because of the requirement of ELTs in airplanes, in total?
2. How many dollars of search monies have been saved by ELTs?
3. Is there any financial justification for moving to 405MHz other than that the government purchased and expensive satellite and want to use it?

Again for these financial and safety reasons I oppose making illegal 121.5MHz ELTs.